GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – P.R. & R.D. Department - Allegations of irregularities and misappropriation of funds in execution of the work viz. "Construction/Providing CC roads in Annaparru Village of Pedanandipadu Mandal of erstwhile Guntur District" – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur (Retired on 30.06.2020) under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Articles of charges - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.471 **Dated:10.08.2023.**

Read:

G.O.Rt.No.469, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:10.08.2023.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur (Retired on 30.06.2020) vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against him in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to hold is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur (Retired), is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur (Retired), is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges, which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

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5. Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur (Retired), is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then EE, PRI Division, Guntur (Retired) (w.e)
(**through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada) (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.,)

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy. C.M for PR&RD Department,
The PS to Spl.C.S to Govt,. PR&RD. Dept.,
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI L. RAVI KUMAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, GUNTUR (RETIRED)

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CHARGE

That Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur (retired on 30.06.2020) had committed certain irregularities in execution of road works " Construction / Providing CC roads in Annaparru Village of Pedanandipadu Mandal of erstwhile Guntur District in Work ID Nos. 0770446020080097; 077044602002080085 and 077044602002080084 and he had recommended for payment for substandard quality of works without super check measured as indicated below, while he was working as Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur :

(i) The deficiency in thickness of CC bed to a tune of Rs.60,864/- and deficiency in CC pavement to a tune of Rs.66,697/- in Work ID No. 0770446020080097;

(ii) The top of the CC pavement was racked up with exposed metal and the test results conducted on the CC pavement liable for rejection and rejected value is Rs.13,02,768/- and also the test results conducted on CC bed laid below CC pavement also liable for rejection to a tune of Rs. 4,54,030/- in Work ID No. 077044602002080085; and

(iii) The deficiency was observed in the concrete quality against the recorded measurements in M.Book for the culvert desk slab portion in work ID No. 077044602002080084 to a tune of Rs.15,812/-;

By his above mentioned acts, Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur (Retired on 30.06.2020) failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty and lack of integrity and for behaving in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI L. RAVI KUMAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, GUNTUR (RETIRED ON 30.06.2020)

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The General Administration (V&E) Department in Vigilance Report No. 53 (C.No. 6353/V&E/Engg./2021-1), dt: 22.12.2022, has verified the road works "Providing / Construction of Cement Concrete Roads in Annaparru village of Pedanandipadu Mandal in erstwhile Guntur District" and lapses for which recoveries are proposed are tabulated below :

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Lapses identified	Recovery component in Rs.		Rejected component in Rs.	
			Bills already paid	Bills yet to be paid	Bills already paid	Bills yet to be paid
1	Construction of internal CC roads in Annarapu village of Pedanandipadu Mandal (Work ID No. 07704460200 2080097)	Deficiency in thickness of CC bed to a tune of Rs.60,864/- + Deficiency in quantity of CC pavement to a tune of Rs.66,697/-= **Rs.1,27,561/-**	Rs.17,62,143			
2	Providing cement concrete road in Annaparru village of Pedanandipadu Mandal in erstwhile Guntur District (Work ID No. 07704460200 2080085)	i. the top of the CC pavement was racked up with exposed metal; ii. test results conducted on the CC pavement liable for rejection and rejected value is Rs.13,02,768/- and iii. the test results conducted on CC bed laid below CC pavement also liable for rejection to a tune of Rs. 4,54,030/- = **Rs.17,56,798/-**			Rs.10,68,535	Rs.6,88,263 ie, (Rs.2,34,233 + Rs.4,54,030)

3	Construction of internal CC roads in Annarapu village of Pedanandipadu Mandal (Work ID No. 07704460200 2080082)	deficiency was observed in the concrete quality against the recorded measurements in M.Book for the culvert desk slab portion to a tune of Rs.**15,812**			Rs.15,812/-	
	Total	Rs.19,00,171			Rs.10,84,347	Rs.6,88,263

As per the findings of the V&E, Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then E.E, PRI Division, Guntur (Retired on 30.06.2020) has not done super-check measurement and caused for poor quality of works viz., "Providing / construction of CC roads in Annarapu village of Pedanandipadu Mandal in erstwhile Guntur District" and resulting the top surface of the pavement racked up with exposed and also resulting substandard execution of above works as CC pavements and CC beds are liable for rejection.

By his above mentioned acts, Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur (Retired on 30.06.2020) failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty and lack of integrity and for behaving in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI L. RAVI KUMAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, GUNTUR (RETIRED ON 30.06.2020), ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Vigilance Report No. 53 (C.No. 6353V&E/Engg./2021-1) dt: 22.12.2022.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI L. RAVI KUMAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, GUNTUR (RETIRED ON 30.06.2020),

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- NIL –

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